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Rural dispensaries

* 767 Q.—SRI R. S. VEERAPPA CHETTIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that many rural dispensaries are under closure owing to the fact that there is a dearth of qualified medical practitioners ; and

(*b*) if so, the actions taken thereon?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The question of revising the rates of subsidy is under the consideration of Government.

குடிநீர்த் திட்டங்கள்

* *768 கேள்வி.—திரு. மு. பொ. வடிவேல் :* கனம் சுகாதார அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப் பாரா—

(அ) வடாற்காடு மாவட்டம், திருப்பத்தூர், வாணியம்பாடி நகராட்சி மன்றங்களிலிருந்து அந்நகரங்களின் குடிதண்ணீர் திட்டத்தைப்பற்றி அரசாங்கத்திற்கு ஏதேனும் கோரிக்கை வந்துள்ளதா ?

(இ) அப்படியானால், அதன்மீது அரசாங்கம் எடுத்துள்ள நடவடிக்கை என்ன ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) *Tirupattur Water-supply Scheme.*—Outline proposals have been received from the Chief Engineer, P.W.D. (General) for a comprehensive Water-supply Scheme for Tirupattur Municipality and five wayside villages. The matter is under consideration of Government.

Vaniyambadi Water-supply Scheme.—The Government sanctioned the investigation of a Water-supply Scheme for Vaniyambadi Municipality in 1960. The field investigation is in progress.

Leprosy (Dharmapuri taluk)

* 769 Q.—SRI R. S. VEERAPPA CHETTIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the large scale incidence of leprosy in some of the villages in Dharmapuri taluk in Salem district; and

(*b*) if so, the curative and preventive measures that are being taken by them in this regard?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : (*a*) A survey made in 1951 showed that there was only moderate endemicity of leprosy in some of the villages in Dharmapuri taluk. No survey of the area has since been made and it is not therefore possible to say with accuracy the present scale of incidence.